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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified division application, prior to
examination on the merits, as follows:

In the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with:

-- Replaying A Video Segment With Changed Audio--

In the Specification:

Page 18, line 24, please replace "Player's ransom access" with --Player's
random access--.

Page 69, line 14, please replace "system's ransom accessing" with --
system's random accessing--.

Page 80, line 12, please replace "In the FIGS. the thick lines indicate" with
--In the FIGS. the blocks indicate--.

Page 90, line 25, please replace "the thick lines represent" with --the thick
lines represent--.

Page 98, lines 5-6, please replace "thickest line 1781, the presentations displayed in the secondary windows are illustrated with the medium thickness line 1782" with --larger blocks 1781, the presentations displayed in the secondary windows are illustrated with the smaller blocks 1782--.

Page 99, line 19, please replace "1762 of a video 1761" with --1796 of a video 1795 --.

Page 99, lines 21, 24, and 27, please replace "1763" with --1797--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20, and add the following new claims 21-40:

-- 21. (Newly added) A method of replaying a portion of a video comprising the steps of:

receiving, during a playing of a video, and from a user actuation of a single replay request control element, a replay request to replay a portion of the video; changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video; and playing, responsive to the replay request, the video and the changed audio from a replay position in the video preceding an initial position in the video at which the replay request was received.

22. (Newly added) The method of claim 21 wherein the changed audio is selected from the group consisting of the audio at an increased volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, and the audio utilizing an alternative dialog audio language; and wherein the replay position precedes the initial position by a period of replay time that is cumulative responsive to a successive replay request.

23. (Newly added) The method of claim 21 wherein the changed audio is selected from the group consisting of the audio at an increased volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, and the audio utilizing an alternative dialog audio language; and wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio.

24. (Newly added) The method of claim 21 wherein the replay position precedes the initial position by a period of replay time that is responsive to a preestablished replay preference and to information defining segments of the video.

25. (Newly added) A method of replaying a portion of a video comprising the steps of:

receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the video;

skipping, responsive to the replay request and a preestablished replay preference, the video to a replay position;

changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video;

playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and

discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio.

26. (Newly added) The method of claim 25 wherein the changed audio is selected from the group consisting of the audio at an increased volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, and the audio utilizing an alternative dialog audio language.

27. (Newly added) The method of claim 25 wherein the replay position precedes an initial position in the video, at which the replay request was received, by a period of replay time that is responsive to the preestablished replay preference and to information defining segments of the video.

28. (Newly added) The method of claim 25 wherein the preestablished replay preference is a user preestablished replay preference; and wherein the changed audio comprises utilizing an alternative dialog audio language.

29. (Newly added) The method of claim 25 wherein the changed audio comprises increasing a dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume; and wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio.

30. (Newly added) A system capable of replaying a portion of a video comprising:

a user interface means for receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the video;

a random accessing means for skipping, responsive to the replay request and a preestablished replay preference, the video to a replay position; and

a processing means for changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video; playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio.

31. (Newly added) The system of claim 30 wherein the changed audio is selected from the group consisting of the audio at an increased volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume, the audio with an increased dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, and the audio utilizing an alternative dialog audio language.

32. (Newly added) The system of claim 30 wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio.

33. (Newly added) The system of claim 30 wherein the replay position precedes an initial position in the video, at which the replay request was received, by a period of replay time that is responsive to a system preestablished replay preference and to information defining segments of the video.

34. (Newly added) The system of claim 30 wherein the replay position precedes an initial position in the video, at which the replay request was received, by a period of replay time that is cumulative responsive to a successive replay request and to information defining segments of the video; and wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio.

35. (Newly added) A method of replaying a portion of a video comprising the steps of:

receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the video;

skipping, responsive to the replay request, the video to a replay position;

changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video, the changing comprising utilizing a commentary audio;

playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and

discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio.

36. (Newly added) The method of claim 35 wherein the replay position is responsive to information defining segments of the video.

37. (Newly added) The method of claim 35 wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio.

38. (Newly added) A system capable of replaying a portion of a video comprising:

a user interface means for receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the video;

a random accessing means for skipping, responsive to the replay request, the video to a replay position;

a processing means for changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video, the changing comprising utilizing a commentary audio; playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio.

39. (Newly added) The system of claim 38 wherein the replay position is responsive to a preestablished replay preference and to information defining segments of the video.

40. (Newly added) The system of claim 38 wherein the replay position is responsive to a preestablished replay preference; and wherein, responsive to the replay request, a playing of subtitles is enabled contemporaneously with the playing of the changed audio. --

In the Abstract:

Please delete the Abstract in its entirety and substitute the following Abstract. A new Abstract page is attached hereto.

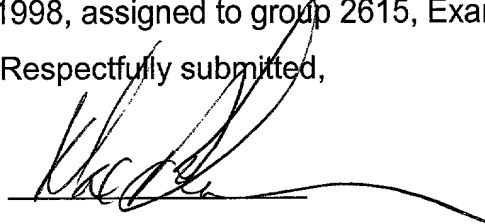
--A method of, and a system capable of, replaying a portion of a video, the method comprising the steps of, and the system comprising the means for: receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the

video; skipping, responsive to the replay request and a preestablished replay preference, the video to a replay position; changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video; playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio; changing the audio of the video, comprising, for example, increasing the audio volume, increasing the dialog audio volume, increasing the dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, utilizing an alternative dialog audio language, and/or utilizing a commentary audio. --

Remarks.

This application is a division of U.S. patent application 09/190,773, filed 11/12/1998, assigned to group 2615, Examiner Polin Chieu.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abstract

A method of, and a system capable of, replaying a portion of a video, the method comprising the steps of, and the system comprising the means for: receiving, during a playing of a video, a replay request to replay a portion of the video; skipping, responsive to the replay request and a preestablished replay preference, the video to a replay position; changing, responsive to the replay request, an audio of the video; playing, responsive to the replay request and to the replay position, the video and the changed audio; and discontinuing, responsive to the replay request, the playing of the changed audio; changing the audio of the video, comprising, for example, increasing the audio volume, increasing the dialog audio volume, increasing the dialog audio volume relatively to a background audio volume, utilizing an alternative dialog audio language, and/or utilizing a commentary audio.